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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.: 10/784,216 Confirmation No. 8409  
Applicant: H. INOUE  
Filed: February 24, 2004  
Titled: GAS TURBINE COMBUSTOR AND OPERATING METHOD  
THEREOF  
TC/A.U.: 3746  
Examiner: M. Kocz, Jr.

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please further amend the above-identified application as follows.